

# Board Summary

September 5, 2024 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Amended [R277-468](#), Parents Review of Public Education Curriculum and Review of Complaint Process.
- Supported specific [funding requests](#) for the 2025 legislative session.
- Denied LEA extension requests for FY23 [Special Education carryover balances](#).
- [Full agenda](#).

## Board Denies LEA Requests for Extension of FY23 SPED Carryover Balances

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) did not grant any [extensions for FY23 Special Education carryover balances](#). [R277-752](#) requires Local Education Agencies (LEAs) with over 20 percent carryover in state special education funds to return those funds to the Uniform School Fund. LEAs with excess carryover (more than 20 percent) were given three years to spend the available balances. USBE has prepared and sent invoices for those LEAs with balances over 20 percent at the end of FY23.

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## Board Prioritizes Carry Forward Funds for Suicide Prevention and LEA Financial Systems

The Utah State Board of Education approved \$500,000 in [one-time funds for Suicide Prevention](#) and \$750,000 of one-time funds for Local Education Agency (LEA) Financial Systems from fiscal year 2024 agency carry forward balances. The funds for Suicide Prevention will ensure that every school receives \$1,000, as required by Utah legislation. Additionally, there was extensive discussion on the use of additional carry forward balances to provide districts and charter schools with financial system grants. The grants would enhance LEA information technology services/ infrastructure within their finance system domain to improve accounting and data-sharing practices.

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## Board Approves Amendments to Data Sharing Agreement with Palacios, Bohlmann & Larsen

The Utah State Board of Education approved a [data sharing agreement](#) with Palacios, Bohlmann & Larsen. The researchers are requesting an extension to an existing agreement from 2019. Additionally, the researchers are seeking access to additional data elements for their study.

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## Board Approves Granite School District Charter School Authorizers Application

The Utah State Board of Education authorized a new charter school and [requests from Granite](#) for a charter school expansion or satellite school.

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## Board Requests Potential Rule Changes in Support of GED Options

The Utah State Board of Education approved staff developing potential rule changes to support the proposed [GED Options Program](#), which is designed to help severely credit-deficient students stay enrolled in school while taking GED subject area tests.

Currently, GED tests are only available to students not enrolled in the school system. This option provides broader access to those solutions for students in Utah.

From July 1, 2023, to June 20, 2024, 1,730 GED accounts have been made for 16 to 18-year-old students in Utah. Of those accounts, 1,159 students have taken all four tests and 1,017 have passed the GED.

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## Board Approves Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Materials

The Utah State Board of Education approved [Child Sexual Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Materials](#) as required by [Utah Code 53G-9-207](#) and [Board Rule 277-630](#). The materials presented were created by Boundary Town and cover three different categories, including student materials, adult serving youth materials, and parent and guardian materials.

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## Board Recommends the Continuation of Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program

The Utah State Board of Education recommends the continuation of the [Education Interim Committee Sunset Item - Section 53F-5-219, Local Innovations Civics Education Pilot Program](#) for one more year. This program would continue through 2026.

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## Board Approves Changes in Language to Youth in Care Program

The Utah State Board of Education approved changing the term from “Youth in Custody” to “Youth in Care” in [R277-19-2, Pupil Accounting](#), [R277-705-2, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas](#), and [R277-709, Education Programs Serving Youth in Custody](#).

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## Board Approves Release of the Personnel Management Internal Audit Report

The Utah State Board of Education approved the release of the [Personnel Management Internal Audit Report](#) to the public and directed the Standards and Assessment Committee to discuss recommendations for next steps.

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## Board Makes Requests for Statutory Changes

The Utah State Board of Education has asked staff to work with legislators on potential [amendments to the Utah Code](#). The potential statutory requests include:

- Amend [Section 53F-4-203\(5\)](#). Early interactive reading software -- Independent evaluator, to increase the independent evaluator appropriation from 4 percent to 6 percent to meet new administrative cost needs.
- Amend [Section 53G-10-403](#) topics requiring parental consent to be more descriptive and better aligned to course standards.
- Amend [Section 53F-2-504, Teacher Salary Supplement Program \(TSSP\)](#) to allow for increased TSSP distribution to qualifying teachers when local education agencies have an excess of TSSP funds.
- Amend [Utah Code Section 63G-2-302](#) to ensure consistency in records classification of ethics complaints against elected officials by adding similar protections to Utah State Board of Education members as are afforded to legislators.

- Amend Utah Code 53G-6-803(9)(a) to add the following language to add the following language:
  - is a computer adaptive assessment; or
  - is an assessment that an LEA or school administers in lieu of an assessment described in Subsections (i) through (iv).

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## Board Identifies Areas Needing Support on Draft Legislative Funding Requests

The Utah State Board of Education has reviewed draft [legislative funding requests](#) recommended for Board support. These will be presented for prioritization at the October 2024 Board meeting.

The Board:

- approved all prepared funding requests and directed staff to provide the funding requests, except the School Behavior Support for K-12 funding request, to Board members for ranking before a special meeting of the board; and

- approved the Student Support carry forward funding to pay for the School Behavior Support for K-12; and
- directed staff to:
  - a) revise the “Statewide Student Information System (SIS)” funding request to “Student Information System (SIS)”;
  - b) revise the Purpose Statement to, “Funds to create a uniform reporting system, resources for LEAs without a sustainable SIS system, and potential FTE for statewide SIS data and reporting support.”

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## New Administrative Rules, Amendments, and Repeals

The Utah State Board of Education approved, amended, or repealed the following administrative rules:

- [R277-701, Early College Programs](#). This rule is being amended to add a provision referencing new requirements for districts and charters to contract with eligible institutions for CE courses and add an oversight category.
- [R277-715, Out-of-School Time Program Standards](#). This rule is being repealed upon its five-year review, due to the discontinuation of legislative funding.



- [R277-718, Out-of-School Time Program Quality Improvement Grants](#). This rule is being repealed due to the discontinuation of legislative funding.
- [R277-928, High-Need Schools Grant](#). This rule is being repealed due to the discontinuation of legislative funding.
- [R277-468, Parents Review of Public Education Curriculum and Review of Complaint Process](#). This rule is being continued upon its five-year review and amended to add an oversight category.
- [R277-333, Apprenticeship Rule](#). This rule is being created following the passage of [HB 208](#) and to create an apprentice program in conjunction with the US Department of Labor.
- [R277-630-1, 2 and 3, Child Sex Abuse and Human Trafficking Prevention Training and Instruction](#). This rule is being amended to clarify the review process for all state-wide approved materials.
- [R277-19-2, Pupil Accounting](#). This rule is being amended to change the definition of YIC to “youth in care.”
- [R277-705-2, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas](#). This rule is being amended to change the definition of YIC to “youth in care.”
- [R277-709, Education Programs Serving Youth in Custody](#). This rule is being amended to change the definition of YIC to “youth in care.”

## Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar as amended.

## Highlights of Friday’s Committee Meetings and Study Session

The Utah State Board of Education [Standards and Assessment, Finance, and Law and Licensing Committees](#) met on Friday, September 6. Items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its October meeting.

**Standards and Assessment Committee** met in a hybrid format from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-325, Public Education Exit and Engagement Surveys](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-462, Comprehensive School Counseling Program](#).

**Finance Committee** met online from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [State Fiscal Year 2024 Carry Forward Balance Status and Approval for Use](#).
- Preliminary approval of [State Fiscal Year 2024 Discretionary Carry Forward Balance Status and Approval for Use](#).

**Law and Licensing Committee** met in a hybrid format from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Highlights from the meeting include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-473, Utah Computer Science Grant](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-746, Driver Education Programs for Utah Schools](#).